

**Thomas Jefferson to William Short, October 14,  
1825, from the Thomas Jefferson and William Short  
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Dear Sir

Your favor of Oct.—has been duly recd. [I have] the informn which I have given you from time to time [of the state of our University] has kept you truly informed of the state of our university, it behoves me then also to mention to you a serious incident which has just taken place there, and the rather as of the 1000 versions-with the truth. The university is better nor worst than it really is [the additions and alterations amendments of our statutes have called for a new edition of them of which I will send you a copy as soon when as out]

The affair of Georgia & the Creeks is most scandalous, and I feel myself committed in it [on account] by the many and strong assurances I had given to them in speeches, the encouragements to build inclose & cultivate their lands, pass laws of inheritance and police etc. and to the cherokees particularly I had recommended to prepare their minds for an incorporation by the state in which they are, and expressed hopes of seeing some of their chiefs chosen by themselves into the legislature.

Segur's acct. of the last Russian campaign I have read. tragical as it is it is impossible not confide in it. Bouregard's contradictions I have not yet met with have you seen his genl. hist. of Engld. the most lying compilation of monkish stuff I have ever seen.

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I had got sensibly better in the complaint by which I am afflicted, insomuch as to be able to ride 2 or 3 miles a day in a carriage and on our level Roundabout, but going backwards & forwards on the rough roads to the univty. for 5 days successively [at the last sesion of Visitors] on acct. of the late commotions there has brot on me again a great degree of suffering which some days of rest and recumbence will I hope relieve. But in truth age, ill health, loss of memory, deafness & debility render me no longer [fit] able to meet the labors and duties incumbent on me on the part of that institution. Within a year or two more I think it will stand on it's own legs.

Ever & affectly. yoursTh.J.

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